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A group of ten people led by Mr. Cui Xiao Guang, Director of the IPR Enforcement Committee under the All-China Patent Agents Association, visited TIPO to share experiences and exchange views on issues regarding respective patent examination practices and e-filing.



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The 2015 Taipei International Invention Show and Technomart will be held on October 1-3 at Exhibition Hall 1 of the Taipei World Trade Center. This three-day invention show is expected to draw over 80,000 domestic and foreign buyers and visitors. This year's event features the Invention Area to showcase new products and the Technology Transaction Area to facilitate transaction of technologies. In addition, there is an invention contest where winning entries from all categories that have won gold, silver, and bronze medals compete for the highest honor—the INST Platinum Award. To be eligible for the show and contest, all the contending inventions have to be patented within the past four years (September 30, 2011 onwards) or have already applied for a patent and obtained an application number. Also, there are concurrent meetings for technology transaction and experience sharing. In all, the show aims to bring together invention, innovation, and investment through a series of activities in order to create commercial opportunities for international technology transaction and transfer of patent licenses. The invention show overview and enrollment form is now available at www.inventaipai.com.tw. For enrollment matters and other information, please contact Ms. Yang of the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) at (02)2725-5200#2651 or at invent@taitra.org.tw.



Draft Partial Amendment to the Enforcement Rules of the Trademark Act

TIPO published the draft partial amendment to the Enforcement Rules of the Trademark Act to streamline application procedure and delete provisions that require applicants to submit originals of proof for priority right and exhibition priority documents. Major revisions are as follows: 1.Provisions that require submission of originals of proof for priority right and exhibition priority documents were deleted; 2.Provisions that require submission of a copy of written request for divisional trademark were deleted ; and 3.Provisions that apply mutatis mutandis to a request for division of a trademark registration were revised. At the same time, to streamline e-filing procedure, TIPO amended Article 11 of the Regulations Governing Trademark E-Filing and Electronic Service of Documents. According to the amendment, provisions that require submission of originals of proof for priority were deleted. All documents of proof required for e-filing a trademark application for registration can be submitted electronically.



Public hearing on “relaxing the requirements for obtaining a patent filing date,”...etc



On May 14, 2015, TIPO held a public hearing on “relaxing the requirements for obtaining a patent filing date,” “PCT filing date to be deemed as national filing date,” “extending the time period to provide Chinese translation,” and “feasibility of adding provisions governing reinstatement of priority claim.” The event came to the following conclusions: 1.On relaxing the requirements for obtaining a patent filing date: Stakeholders suggested TIPO to introduce the system of provisional patent application. TIPO will explore the impact on Taiwan's patent regime and industries and will continue to carefully study and evaluate relevant measures for introducing the system. 2.On deeming a PCT filing date to be the national filing date: Taiwan is not a contracting state to the PCT and is therefore not eligible for WIPO's comprehensive trainings and access to relevant information. Before further analyses on feasible implementation measures are conducted, TIPO will not consider accepting a PCT filing date as a national filing date. 3.On extending the time period to provide Chinese translation: the current patent examination guidelines and practices should remain unchanged. The time period for the applicant to provide Chinese translation for invention patent application is within four months after the filing date and can be extended for another two months. 4.On feasibility of adding provisions governing reinstatement of priority claim: TIPO plans to revise the Patent Act to include provisions allowing the applicant to file a request for reinstatement of priority claim within two months after a stipulated 12-month period has expired.



The IPC Version 2015.01 Now Available on TIPO Website

The IPC Version 2015.01 is now available on TIPO website. New applications filed after June 1, 2015 will be classified under the latest IPC. The Patent Gazette will also use this version to classify applications published June 21, 2015 or laid open August 1, 2015 onwards.



TIPO announces results of annuities review requested by CBRA ...

In December 2011, TIPO approved the “for-profit radio station blanket license annuities” of the blanket license royalty rate for public broadcasting administered by the Music Copyright Association of Taiwan (MCAT). The “for-profit radio station blanket license annuities” took effect on October 11, 2010. As of October 10, 2013, they had been in effect for three years. In compliance with Article 25(1) of the Copyright Collective Management Organization Act, the Commercial Radio Broadcasting Association (CRBA) on December 2, 2013 filed a request with TIPO for a review of MCAT’s “for-profit radio station blanket license annuities.” The annuities under review included the following: radio stations nationwide, AM (Type A and B AM) radio stations, medium power FM (Type B FM) and low power FM (Type A FM) radio stations, high power AM (Type C AM) radio stations, and high power FM (Type C FM) radio stations. In accordance with Article 25(1), (4) of the Copyright Collective Management Organization Act, TIPO on May 20, 2015 announced its decision on the “for-profit radio station blanket license annuities” as follows: 1. Radio stations nationwide: a. FM networks nationwide: NT\$220,000 per network. b. AM networks nationwide: NT\$110,000 per network. 2. AM (Type A and B AM) radio stations: review will continue. 3. Royalty rates for medium power FM (Type B FM) radio stations and low power FM (Type A FM) radio stations: detailed rates available on TIPO website: <http://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=550253&ctNode=7127&mp=1>. 4. High power AM (Type C AM) radio stations: review will continue. 5. High power FM (Type C FM) radio station: revoked.



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